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DECISION ON PETITION

TO MAKE SPECIAL

: (ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)

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In re Application of

Alon Shalev et al

Serial No. : 10/753,882

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For

: Method and Apparatus for Stimulating the

Sphenopalatine Ganglion to Modify Properties of the

BBB and Cerebral Blood Flow

This is a decision on the petition filed May 13, 2004 to make the above-identified application special. The petition requests that the above-identified application be made special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications – accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, item VIII.

The requirement for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a preexamination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (e) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Since all of the requirements for special status under MPEP § 708.02 VIII have been met, the petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference and appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt bona fide effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

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